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1. AT THEIR JULY 20 MEETING, THE ECONADS AGREED THAT THE FINAL OUTLINE FOR THE REPORT ON THE SOVIET TRANSPORT NETWORK (ED/EC/78/51) WAS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE. HOWEVER, WE QUERIED WHETHER CAPITALS WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAS 37 TO 41 (EAST-WEST TRADE IN TRANSPORT GOODS) OF THE OUTLINE WITHOUT EXCESSIVE RESEARCH EFFORT. ACTING CHAIRMAN JOSEPHS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SUPPLY SUCH DATA BUT BELIEVED THAT ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE WOULD BE OF USE IN DRAFTING THE REPORT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE ENCOURAGE FURTHER WASHINGTON CONTRIBUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THE US HAS ALREADY DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE STUDY (AND THANK THE CONTRIBUTIONS HEARTILY). END COMMENT.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 3 I.E., (A) ANY FURTHER COMMENTS INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO OFFER ON THE DIRECTORATE OUTLINE AND (B) THE SPECIFIC PASSENGER-AND TON/KILOMETER UTILIZATION FIGURES AND TRANSPORT SECTOR LENGTH DATA INsofar AS AVAILABLE.
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